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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, CZ  
SUBJECT: S LECTURER, MICHAEL WITBECK

REF: TLFTESR 8803#

1. EMBASSY AGAIN SPOKE WITH SLOVAK MINED BY TELEPHONE, FEBRUARY 20.  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE REGRETTED IT COULD NOT YET GIVE  
OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

2. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN'S PROMISE OF CLASS SCHEDULE AND TEACHING  
REQUIREMENTS HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED, PROBABLY AS RESULT OF MINED  
OR OTHER INJUNCTION AGAINST PREMATURE BUREAUCRATIC ACTION.  
EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO TEMPORARILY BYPASS MINED AND GET ANSWER.

3. IN VIEW DELAYED ARRIVAL WITBECK IN BRATISLAVA BEYOND  
BEGINNING NEW SEMESTER, AND ALSO STRONG LIKELIHOOD WITBECK  
WILL ELECT TO REMAIN IN BRATISLAVA DURING 76-77 ACADEMIC YEAR,  
EMBASSY SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY DEFERRAL PLACEMENT MAJOR PORTION  
BOOK ORDER UNTIL AFTER WITBECK ARRIVAL BRATISLAVA. THIS ARRANGE-  
MENT WOULD CLEARLY BE FAR FROM IDEAL, BUT APPEARS MOST  
WORKABLE APPROACH UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. APARTMENT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY FURNISHED. IN ADDITION,  
EMBASSY CAN REINFORCE DISHES AND COOKING UTENSILS FROM LOCAL  
REVOLVING STOCK USED IN UNOFFICIAL SUPPORT OF GRANTEES.

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5. APARTMENT FURNISHINGS NORMALLY INCLUDE BASIC LINENS, BUT

FAMILY MAY WISH TO BRING LIGHTWEIGHT THERMAL BLANKETS, THICK  
BATH TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS.

6. STOP I PRAGUE WILL ALLOW OPPORTUNITY TO STOCK UP AT  
COMMISSARY AND OPEN OTHER SUPPLY LINES.

7. REGARDS AND SYMPATHY TO WITBECK FAMILY IN VIEW DELAY.

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